tion and repugnancy between them. For al
though the Atomical physiology was in use long
before Democritus and Leucippus, so that they
did not make it, but find it; yet these two, with
their confederate Atheists (whereof Protagoras
seems to have been one) were undoubtedly the
first, that ever made this physiology to be a com
plete and entire philosophy by itself, so as to de
rive the original of all things in the whole universe
from senseless atoms, that had nothing but figure
and motion, together with vacuum, and made up
• such a system of it, as from whence it would fol
low, that the- e could not be any God, not so much
as a corporeal one. These two things were both
of them before singly and apart. For there is no
doubt to be made, but that there hath been Athe
ism lurking in the minds of some or other in all
ages ; and perhaps some of those ancient Atheists
did endeavour to philosophize too, as well as they
could, in some other way. And there was Ato
mical physiology likewise before, without Athe
ism. But these two thus complicated together,
were never before Atomical Atheism, or Atheisti

cal Atomism. And therefore, Democritus and his comrade Leucippus, need not be envied the glory of being reputed the first inventors or found ers of the Atomical philosophy atheized and adulterated. • . f

XVITI. Before Leucippus and Democritus, the doctrine of Atoms was not made a whole entire philosophy by itself, but looked upon only as a part or member of the whole philosophic system, and that the meanest and lowest part too, it being only used to explain that which was purely corporeal in the world ; besides which, they acknow-